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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

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SYSTEM FOR ASSOCIATING A

FUNCTION TO AN ENTITY

CAPABLE OF

COMMUNICATING DATA ACROSS AN INTERFACE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 15, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Summary of Interview begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.